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Head of the Performing Arts

Salary MPS-UPS + AP12
£32,916 - £51,047 + £8526
Full time

This is a rare opportunity to lead a thriving performing arts team in a highly successful school.

We welcome applications from candidates who have a record of successful leadership and who are ambitious to generate a culture of high quality and wide participation on a whole school level. Applicants should have experience of teaching Music.

Whole-school or extended senior leadership opportunities may be available for the successful applicant who has a strong background in middle leadership.

At Nunnery Wood High School, we see the arts as an essential element of every child's education. Music, Dance and Drama are taught throughout Key Stage Three and are popular subjects at GCSE where outcomes are strong. Performances and shows contribute hugely to school life and offer life-changing experiences to our students.

The Performing Arts benefit from their own area that offers facilities that are rare in a state school. Separate Dance and Drama studios used for teaching combine to form a theatre for performances - complete with control room and orchestra pit. Music is taught in a suite that includes classrooms, practice rooms and a recording studio. The department is exceptionally well-supported with IT and instruments.

Our students enjoy their timetabled lessons in this faculty and the quality of teaching is very strong.

The successful candidate will have the ability to develop the quality of the curriculum further while looking to work with a talented staff team to offer a range of extra-curricular activities and performance opportunities. Increasing participation by students not traditionally engaged in the arts will be a particular focus over time. Vision and passion are essential to this role which offers unlimited opportunity to inspire our students and further develop an experienced staff team.

Nunnery Wood High School is oversubscribed and enjoys a strong reputation in the region. Staff and students enjoy school life and staff voice extremely high levels of satisfaction with working conditions and leadership of the school. Staff enjoy many benefits including a slightly lighter timetable than is common and a school gym.

Recent Ofsted inspections describe both results and student behaviour as significant strengths. Our intake is broad, from the academically gifted to students requiring nurturing in numeracy and literacy. We are ambitious for them all and share a deep conviction that they should all reach their potential with us.

This is a fantastic opportunity for dedicated and driven professionals to join our team. You must possess the skills and determination to make a significant difference to the lives of our students. This is an opportunity to work in a thriving school where students, staff and parents work together to achieve something of which we are immensely proud.

An application form and further information is available from the vacancies section of the school website.

Applications should be made on the Nunnery Wood High School, DfE or ETeach application forms, C.V's will not be considered.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 6th March 2026 – 3pm.

All staff at Nunnery Wood High School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and amendments to the Exemptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020. Any job offer will be conditional on the satisfactory completion of pre-employment safer recruitment checks, including an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and barred list check.